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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: MacDonald et al.

Serial No. 09/288,837

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For: *METHODS AND MODIFIED CELLS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER*

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action dated March 30, 2001, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims.

Please cancel Claims 17-83 as drawn to non-elected inventions, without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications therefor.

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 94 without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application therefor.

Please cancel Claim 86-88 for the purposes of rewriting.

Please add the following new claims.

95. A composition comprising infectious Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE) particles in an immunogenically effective amount, wherein said VEE particles comprise one or more heterologous nucleotide sequences encoding a native cancer cell antigen, and further wherein said VEE particles comprise one or more attenuating mutations.

96. The composition of Claim 95, wherein said alphavirus particles are Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis virus replicon particles.

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